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## *The Editor Barks Out*



## Happy Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Spring, Happy Easter, Happy Birthday to me, Happy April Fool's Day, Happy Passover, Happy Earth Day, Happy Administrative Professionals' Day, and Happy ANZAC Day (for you, Ann). I didn't realize how many 2008 holidays fall/fell in mid-March to mid-April. One that should be added to this list, however, is Summer Camp Countdown. March 31 seems a good date for it because recent e-mails from my dorm mates in Happy Valley all end with some mention of the days to go 'til Camp. Excitement builds as we start counting down: the excitement of seeing friends we see only once a year; the excitement of sharing a trip with our furry pals; and the excitement of having a really, really good time. Nothing compares to it.

Almost as exciting as the buzz of Summer Camp is this issue of the *NewsWire*. Jeanne "rambles" on about the next Camp and whets our appetites for shopping at the Camp store. Mary also piques the curiosity of Camp's tracking enthusiasts in her "Tips" with hints of some new things she's discovered. And did you know that the Red Cross has designated April as National Pet First Aid Awareness month? Read about it and more in this issue of your *NewsWire*. Hope you enjoy!

### NURTURE THOSE WAGGING TAILS

— Valerie Steinman  
NewsWire Editor  
CGTTD Camper

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# RICHTER'S RAMBLINGS

JEANNE RICHTER  
CGTTD DIRECTOR



Hi Campers!

Thanks to all of the Summer Campers who have been writing very nice notes when returning their Camp paperwork. It's really fun to read how excited you are about Camp and that you have begun your official Camp countdown.

I have been ordering a lot of new items for the Camp store and have found some great shirts and gift items. Zorro and Zeta are busily tasting treats for the store and are really enjoying themselves. I have been working on the schedule, and I plan to have it on the Camp web site the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>.

On March 8, I had the best time attending the St. Hubert's Canine

Cotillion with my husband and Zeta. The Cotillion is a benefit for homeless animals. The featured 2008 Cotillion dog was Daisy who attends Fall 1 Camp with Barbara and John Rushman. Daisy was on the cover of the catalogue, and her photo was displayed on the stage. There were a number of people from Camp, and it was great to visit with them at the benefit. I definitely look forward to attending the Cotillion in 2009.

I'm looking forward to Camp, and if you have any suggestions, please send me an email at [campnewswire@hotmail.com](mailto:campnewswire@hotmail.com).



## Top 10 Peeves Dogs Have With Humans

Summer camper Ann Marie Lewis sent me the Top 10 Peeves Dogs Have With Humans. The list was originally published in The Dog Crazy Newsletter on [www.PetPlace.com](http://www.PetPlace.com):

1. Blaming your farts on me... not funny... not funny at all.
2. Yelling at me for barking.  
I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG!
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose.  
Stop it!
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whooooo, what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the vet for the "big snip," then acting surprised when I freak out very time we go back!
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Dog sweaters. Hello??? Haven't you noticed the fur?
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth. You're just jealous.



WARMEST REGARDS,  
JEANNE



## New Titles, New Things

By the time you read this, the AKC Tracking Advisory Committee will have already met and made their recommendations as to any rule changes or additions. This committee meets once every five years; ten years ago, I was on the committee.

As a tracking judge representing the North East, I was asked to try to bring a new tracking test to life. We called it an "Urban TD" so that people in more populated areas could earn a TD and from there go on to TDX or VST. Well, it was shot down and again five years later. But guess what? That's right, NOW AKC wants to

do it! So there will soon be a new tracking title: what it will be called and what the requirements will be, I don't yet know. Will let you know as soon as I do.

Speaking of tracking, I went to North Carolina to assist with a tracking clinic. I worked with a person whose dogs have earned more tracking titles than anyone else I know, and I learned some new things. Any of you who do the Intermediate or Advanced Tracking classes at Camp will have some games to play and new things to learn. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did!



## Seizures and Diet

I recently watched a movie on TV called "First...Do No Harm" with Meryl Streep and Fred Ward. They were parents of a young child (about seven years of age) who had seizures daily – from 10

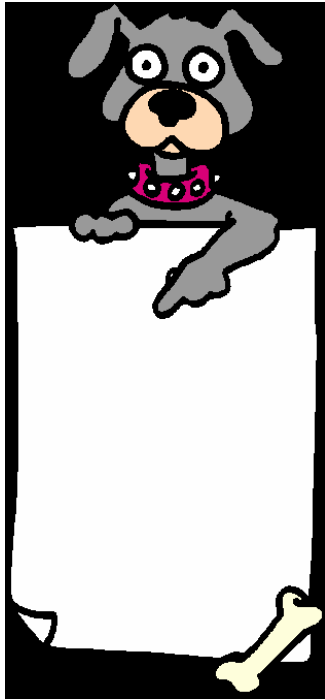
to 40! Mom was giving him injectable medications, and none of them were working well. The child got so bad, he had to be hospitalized. After weeks of tests and trying different medications,



## TRUE TAILS

### Are You Aware of How to Give Your Pets the Best Care?

*The Guide*, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
Wednesday, April 25, 2007



The American Red Cross wants pet owners to remember there is still time to celebrate National Pet First Aid Awareness Month by learning the necessary steps to keep your pets safe.

Each April, pet owners are reminded that, as a member of the family, it is important to know what to do if your pet is ever injured or has a medical emergency. The Red Cross “Pet First Aid” guide provides information to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies to care for dogs and cats in an emergency.

“Pet First Aid” offers help with everything from giving medication to step-by-step directions on how to perform CPR. To make learning to care for your pet easier, “Pet First Aid” features detailed instructions on how to administer care for 50 injuries and illnesses and includes over 130 easy to follow illustrations.

The Red Cross assembled a skilled team of animal, emergency and safety professionals to develop a guide which covers many aspects of pets’ physical and mental well-being.

Pet owners will learn other great tips, such as :

- Paying attention to what is normal for your pet so you can detect signals when something is wrong;
- Learn how to build a pet first aid kit;
- Labor and delivery – and what to do if there is a problem;

- Making your pet part of a Family Disaster Plan, including identifying hotels and shelters that accept pets before a disaster situation; and
- How to spot signs of depression in pets.

“Our pets are as vulnerable as our children. They depend on us to keep them well and to come to their aid during an emergency,” said John Farrell, Red Cross health and safety expert. “National Pet First Aid Awareness Month is a great way to demonstrate that good family health should also include our pets.”



You can purchase the “Pet First Aid” guide or Pet First Aid Kit at your local Red Cross. Help our family and coworkers celebrate National Pet First Aid Awareness Month by picking up a copy for them, too.

You can also order the book online from the Red Cross by clicking on the store link within the article at [http://www.redcross.org/article/0,1072,0\\_282\\_6567,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/article/0,1072,0_282_6567,00.html).



## *CREATIVE TAILS*



### Pet Names

By Zachary

Dog of Writer Bernard Cooper

Go ahead. Call me Zacko, Hound Thing, Gray Beard.  
Rug Thumper, Fur Face, Curlicue, Nose Head.  
Goof Bear, Smudge Pot, Fuzz Bucket, Sonny.

His Dogness, Pasha, Doodle, Black Lips.  
Wolf Bane, Mister, Creature, Minky.  
Barker. Bone Boy, Will O' the Whisker.

Doggy-Come-Lately, Nanook-of-the-Hearth.  
Rutter, Pisser, Sniffer-at-Air.  
Chaser-of-Tail, He-Who-Licks-Floor.

I go by none of these names. And more.

*Unleashed, Poems By Writers' Dogs*  
New York: Crown Publishers, 1995



## "DIVINE" TAILS

Abbey

Author Unknown



Our 14 year old dog, Abbey, died last month. The day after she died, my four-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could

write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could, so she dictated these words:

**Dear God,**

**Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick. I hope you will play with her. She likes to play with balls and to swim. I am**

**sending a picture of her so when you see her You will know that she is my dog. I really miss her.**

**Love,  
Meredith**

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope. Because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her

that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, "To Meredith" in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, "When a Pet Dies." Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey and Meredith and this note:

**Dear Meredith,**

**Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help. I recognized Abbey right away.**

**Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with Me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in, so I am sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.**



**Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to Me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every**

**day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I am wherever there is love.**

**Love,  
God**



## *BOW WOW*

### Home Sweet Home?



An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home. He followed me into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep in a corner.

An hour later he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, resumed his position in the hall,

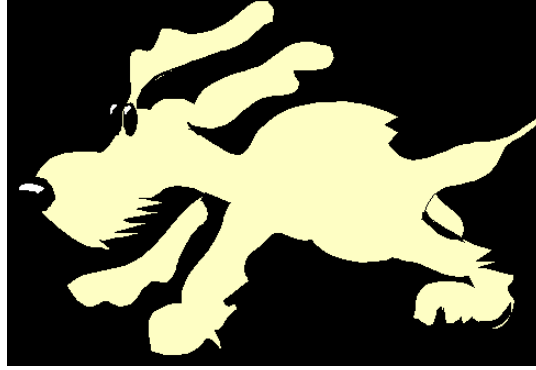
and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks.

Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: “Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.”

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar: “He lives in a home with ten children – he’s trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?”



## *New Additions*



We look forward to meeting these dogs at Camp.

<b><i>Owner</i></b>	<b><i>Dog</i></b>	<b><i>Breed</i></b>
Mary Jo Repasky	Lenny	Standard Poodle
Pauline Sabatini	Leah and Winston	Border Collie Golden Retriever
Lynn Baker	Gus	Leonberger
Trisha Flanagan	As yet unnamed	Labrador Retriever mix

## The Rainbow Bridge

Because of its many colors, the bridge connecting Heaven and Earth has come to be known as the Rainbow Bridge.

Just this side of the Bridge, there is a land of meadows, hills and lush green valleys. When a Beloved pet dies, this wonderful place serves as their home. There is always an abundance of food and water and warm sunshine. Old and frail animals are young again, and those who have been maimed are made whole. They make new friends and play all day.

There is one thing missing from these carefree surroundings though, the

companionship of their loving masters. Time passes and soon another day comes when one of them is distracted by a familiar scent. With nose twitching, ears at attention and eyes staring in delight, this one runs from the group....

You have been seen.

As you embrace, your face is kissed again and again and again, and once more you look into the eyes of your loyal companion. You cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.



The following campers' dogs have crossed the Rainbow Bridge:

**Spree**, Deb Pontino's beloved Australian Shepherd

**Rhett**, Marcia Perl's beloved Bichon Frise

**Bridget**, Pat Larkin's beloved Collie

**Lance**, Pauline Sabatini's beloved Border Collie

**Nicholas**, Barb Hooper's beloved German Shepherd

– Read Nicholas's story with the Leader Dogs for the Blind in True Tails, Volume 2 Issue 1 of your Newswire at [www.campgonetothedogs.com](http://www.campgonetothedogs.com)

**Dixie**, Kerrie-Jae Sussman's beloved Newfoundland

**Tyler**, Judy Mysliborski's beloved Sheltie

*UNTIL TAILS UP*  
(AS OF MARCH 31, 2008)



*CAMP*

*TIME TO WAIT*

***SUMMER***

JUNE 1-7, 2008

2 MONTHS

***FALL***

AUG. 31-SEPT. 6, 2008  
SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2008

5 MONTHS



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